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Brazil's Senate removed President Dilma Rousseff from office on Wednesday for breaking budgetary laws, ending an impeachment process that has polarized the scandal-plagued country and paralyzed its politics for nine months. Senators voted 61-20 to convict Rousseff for illegally using money from state banks to boost public spending, putting an end to 13 years of leftist Workers Party rule in Latin America's largest economy. Conservative Michel Temer, the former vice president who has run Brazil since Rousseff's suspension in May, will be sworn in on Wednesday to serve out the remainder of the presidential term through 2018. A separate Senate vote will be held on whether Rousseff will be barred from public office for eight years. REUTERS

NORTH KOREA EXECUTES VICE PREMIER IN LATEST PURGE: SOUTH

2 North Korea has executed its vice premier for education and rebuked two high-ranking officials, South Korea said on Wednesday, which, if true, would mark a new series of measures by leader Kim Jong Un to discipline top aides. Kim took power in 2011 after the death of his father, Kim Jong Il, and his consolidation of power has included purges and executions of top officials, South Korean officials have said. South Korea's Unification Ministry spokesman Jeong Joon-hee said the government had confirmed the execution of the education official, Kim Yong Jin, "through various channels" but declined to provide details. Kim Yong Chol, the influential head of the North's United Front Department which handles inter-Korean relations, was made to undergo "revolutionary measures," Jeong told a briefing. Another ruling party official in the propaganda department was also reprimanded, Jeong said. REUTERS

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3 A JetBlue plane landed in the central Cuban city of Santa Clara on Wednesday, becoming the first scheduled commercial passenger flight from the United States to the island in more than a half century. The arrival of the Airbus A320 from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, opened another chapter in the Obama administration's efforts to improve ties and increase trade and travel with the former Cold War foe. The Obama administration hopes regular scheduled flights will usher in an era of more routine travel to and from the Communist-ruled island. U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, JetBlue Chief Executive Officer Robin Hayes, other officials and journalists were aboard the plane. Regular travelers, including some of Cuban descent, occupied nearly half the seats. REUTERS

Report: Philly's smog sickens thousands of city's asthmatic kids

New environmental report pins blame for asthma attacks on oil and gas pollution.

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Contaminated, smoggy air is directly worsening asthma conditions in thousands of Philadelphia's children, according to a study released Wednesday by an environmental group.

An estimated 12,206 childhood asthma attacks occur in Philadelphia each year because of smog produced by nearby gas and oil operations, the Clean Air Task Force (CATF) announced.

Gas and oil production such as that which occurs at refineries around Philly create the ground-level ozone that is the main constituent of smog, according to CATF.

"This is a terribly large number of asthma attacks in children due to pollution from the oil and gas industry," said CATF advocacy director Conrad Schneider in a statement.

CATF believes the data demonstrate the need for the federal Environmental Protection Agency to issue "strong guidelines for existing oil and gas equipment" in Philly and other areas that have high "ozone smog."

"Many days in Philadelphia, ozone smog is so severe it is a visible haze over the city's skyline," said Villanova University professor Dr. Ruth McDermott-Levy. "This potent air pollutant is responsible for increased asthma hospitalizations, increased school absences of students and teachers and lost production for workers."

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ESTIMATED 12,206 CHILDHOOD ASTHMA ATTACKS IN PHILLY EACH YEAR BECAUSE OF SMOG

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Hill

CATF's data was published online in a nationwide "threat map" that shows air quality issues throughout the country based on proximity to drilling and other oil operations.

The report concluded that nationally, ground-level ozone from oil and gas pollution causes "more than 750,000 asthma attacks in children, 500,000 days of school missed, nearly 2,000 asthma-related emergency room visits, over 600 respiratory-related hospital admissions and over 1.5 million restricted activity days."

Pennsylvania is the nation's second-largest producer of natural gas. Philadelphia Energy Solutions, a refinery in Southwest Philly, has been accused of worsening air quality for residents in the area.

Theresa Hill, an activist with Action United, previously spoke out about how the air quality in the neighborhood affected the health of her and her grandchildren.

"As soon as we got out of the car, we started choking. We couldn't breathe," Hill said of moving into the vicinity of the refinery.

Fossil fuels supporters say PES, which is up for sale and weighing an expansion, could contribute to revitalizing Philadelphia's economy as an "energy hub."

But environmentalists who oppose the expansion say operations like PES are seriously damaging the health of residents, while fracking operations make conditions in places like Susquehanna and Washington counties even worse.

"We often think of oil and gas pollution primarily affecting people who live in the shale fields, but this new study shows that even here in Philadelphia we directly experience the health impacts of under-regulated oil and gas facilities in Pennsylvania and surrounding states," said Joseph Minott, executive director of the Clean Air Council. "It is critical that EPA develop national standards that will protect Pennsylvania residents from ozone pollution produced in our commonwealth and other states with oil and gas operations."

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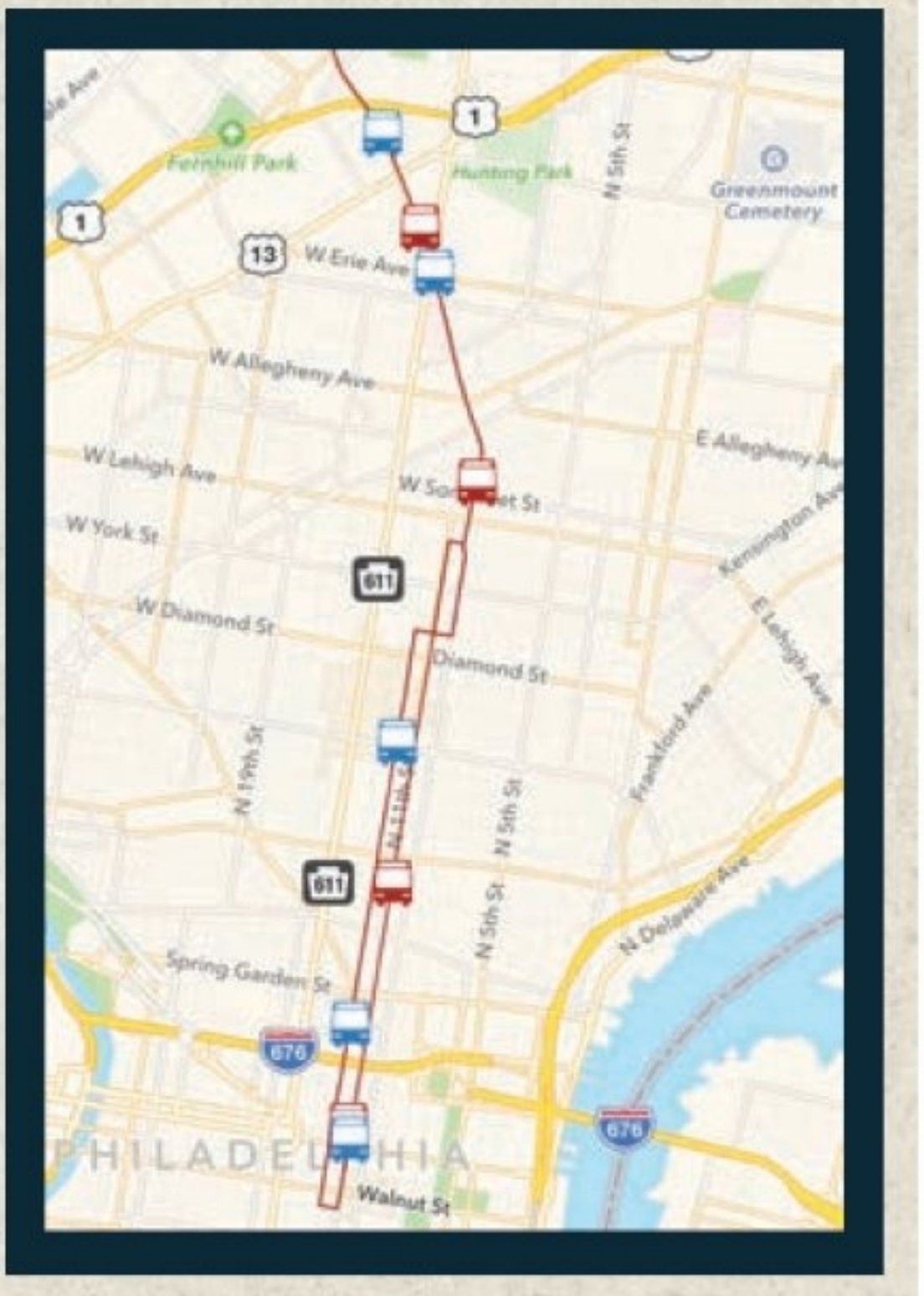

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PA native pleads for help from US government in new Taliban video

A still from the video PROVIDED

The York County native has been reportedly held prisoner in Afghanistan since 2012.

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Chilling new video released by the Taliban shows a York County woman who is believed to have given birth twice while in captivity, but the State Department is still evaluating the authenticity of the film.

Caitlin Coleman, of York County outside Philadelphia, and Canadian husband Joshua Boyle are believed to have been taken prisoner while visiting Afghanistan as tourists in 2012.

"Because of their fear they are willing to kill us, to kill women, to kill children, to kill whomever in order to get these policies reversed or to take revenge," a woman identified in Coleman says in video from the Taliban which the State Department just released.

Coleman begs the U.S. government to try to intervene and step up diplomatic pressure on the Taliban to save their lives in the video.

"I ask if my government can do anything to change the policies of the Afghan government, to stop their policy of executing men before these men start executing their prisoners, their family that they are holding," Coleman says before the video cuts out.

Coleman was reportedly pregnant when she was kidnapped, according to the Associated Press. She is believed to have given birth twice in captivity. The couple is believed to be held in western tribal areas of Pakistan that are controlled by the Taliban's Haqqani network, according to ABC News.

The state department stressed that the video's validity is still being examined.

Past AP reports about the family describe Coleman and Boyle as meeting on the internet in 2011 and then spending months traveling in Latin America and living with indigenous Guatemalans. Though Coleman was pregnant, the couple wanted a second holiday adventure traveling through Central Asia and former Russian provinces — at the time they stopped making contact with their families in 2012, according to the Daily Beast. Shortly afterward, the couple's bank accounts were emptied.

Boyle's ex-wife was the sister of Omar Khadr, a Canadian who was detained for a decade in Guantanamo Bay after being arrested during a 2002 firefight in Afghanistan at age 16. Khadr was reportedly brought to the country to engage in jihad by his father, a radical.

During his relationship with the sister, Zainab Khadr, Boyle assisted her in speaking out about her brother's detainment, organized a hunger strike and acted as family spokesman to media, according to Buzzfeed. The Khadr family was rumored to have ties with Osama bin Laden, who may have attended one of Khadr's previous weddings.

Boyle had also converted to or was converting to Islam prior to the kidnapping, GlobalNews reported.

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Police locate pickup truck in AC Expressway shootout

Five people, including a minor, were charged Tuesday.

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New Jersey state police have located a pickup truck they believe was involved in a shootout on the Atlantic City Expressway on Monday that left at least one person dead.

A black Dodge Ram had been identified by witnesses as one of three vehicles in the shootout, according to state police. The "rolling shootout" took place on the expressway near Egg Harbor Township just before 3 p.m. Monday.

Passengers in a bullet-riddled Ford Expedition pulled into a nearby Wawa with gunshot wounds. The car was missing a rear tire and windows, and police recovered an assault rifle and several handguns in the Ford. A Nissan Maxima was found on the side of the road, with a slain man in the passenger seat, the Inquirer reported.

Meanwhile, five people — four of whom were injured — are facing charges: Anthony Hicks, 24, of Mays Landing, who was driving the Maxima, and three occupants in the Expedition, Lenardo Caro, 24, of Egg Harbor Township, Yahshaun Stukes-Williams, 19, of Mays Landing, Shaun Stukes, 38, of Atlantic City, and a male, 16, whose name has not been released.

The three adults were also charged with employing a juvenile in a crime, according to the Inquirer.

Rosemond Octavius, 22, was found dead in the passenger seat of the Maxima. It's not clear who shot Octavius or the passengers in the Expedition.

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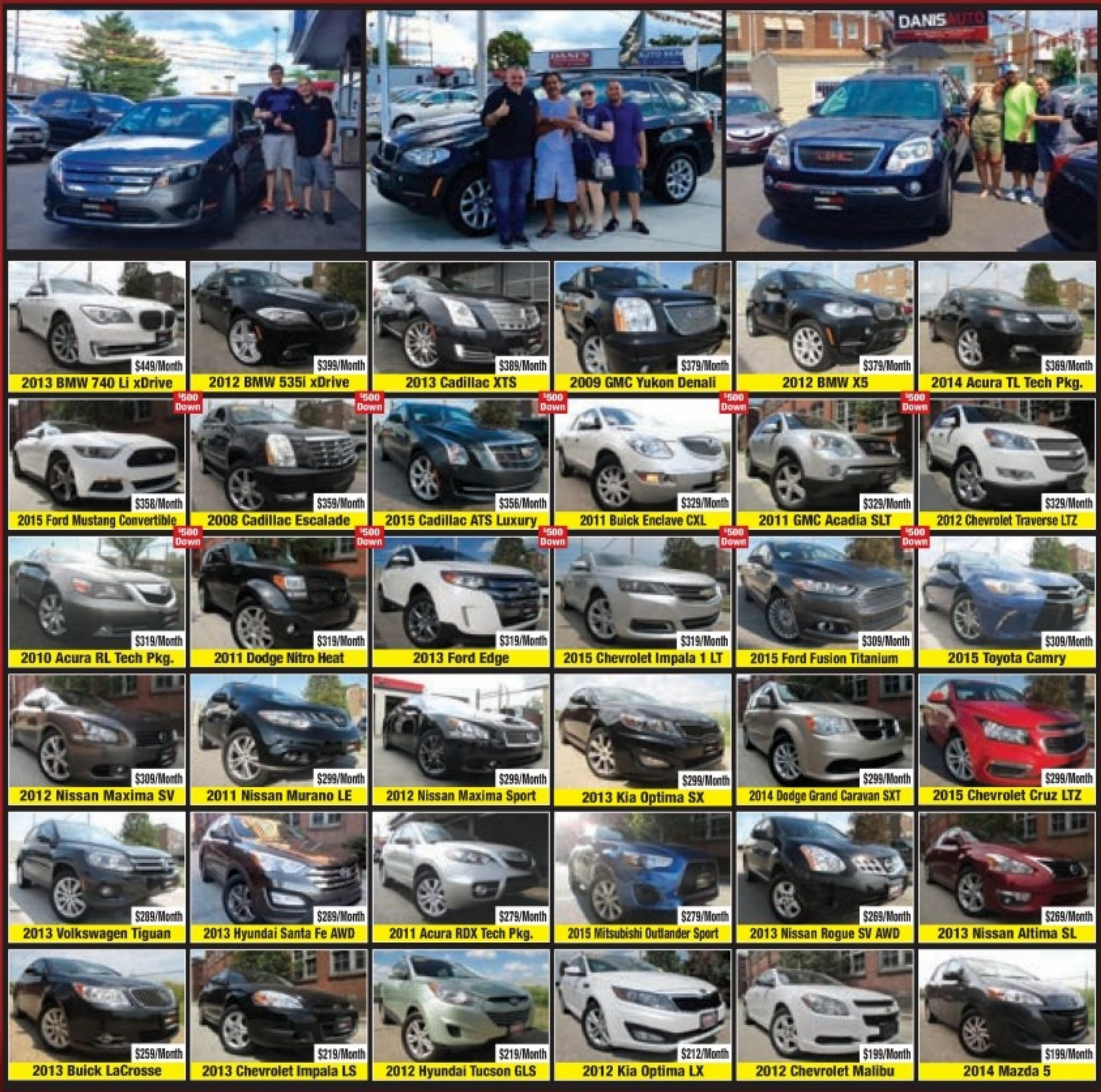

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Trump talks border wall, no mention of payment

Donald Trump told Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto on Wednesday that the United States has the right to build a border wall to halt illegal immigration, but the Republican presidential candidate did not bring up his demand that Mexico pay for it.

In an unexpected trip to a country which he has frequently vilified for illegal immigration and drug smuggling, Trump held talks with the Mexican leader at his residence for about an hour.

"We did discuss the wall, we didn't discuss payment of the wall, that will be at a later date, this was a very preliminary meeting. It was an excellent meeting," Trump said.

In campaign rallies for the Nov. 8 election, the New York businessman frequently tells approving crowds that Mexico must pay for his planned wall.

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Donald Trump GETTY IMAGES

Pena Nieto told Trump that Mexicans deserved respect.

"The Mexicans in the United States are honest. ... Mexicans deserve the respect of everyone," he said, standing next to Trump.

Mexican opposition politicians heavily criticized Pena Nieto for hosting Trump, who has accused Mexico of sending criminals and rapists across the border and cheating the United States on trade.

A few dozen people gathered beneath a monument to Mexican independence in the center of the capital to protest the visit, some holding placards emblazoned with captions such as "You are not Wall-come" and "Trump and Pena out."

Trump's visit to Mexico City took place hours before he was due to deliver a highly anticipated speech in the border state of Arizona on how he would tackle illegal immigration if he wins the election. REUTERS

BRIEF

Clinton touts 'American exceptionalism' in appeal to Republicans

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, speaking to a U.S. veterans group on Wednesday, made an open appeal to Republican and independent voters concerned about rival Donald Trump's national security credentials and his fitness for office.

"This election shouldn't be about ideology. It's not just about differences over policy," Clinton told an American Legion convention in Cincinnati. "It truly is about who has the experience and the temperament to serve as president and commander in chief."

Clinton, a former secretary of state and former U.S. senator, at times sounded like the Republican candidates Trump defeated to win his party's presidential nomination. She highlighted the United States' role as a global superpower and celebrated "American exceptionalism," a term frequently used by conservatives in a foreign-policy context.

"When we say America is exceptional ... it means that we recognize America's unique and unparalleled ability to be a force for peace and progress," Clinton told the veterans. "When America fails to lead, we leave a vacuum."

She harshly rebuked Trump, accusing him of advocating a retreat from global affairs and suggesting that his calls for U.S. forces to torture terror suspects and threaten their families would make the country less safe.

The speech came on the same day that Trump metwith Mexico's president, Enrique Pena Nieto, in Mexico City in an attempt to bolster his own foreign-policy profile before delivering a speech on immigration policy Wednesday evening in Arizona.

In her speech, Clinton cited the endorsements of dozens of members of the Republican foreign-policy establishment. On Wednesday, she secured another one from James Clad, a former deputy assistant secretary of defense under President George W. Bush.

In a comment that has sparked criticism from many Republicans, Trump has called the U.S.-led NATO military alliance obsolete, although he has since pledged to work with NATO to defeat Islamic State. He has also vowed to build a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico and to make Mexico pay for it. REUTERS

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Opinion

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously." @tomforemancnn

Plant yourself on any big city corner and ask "Who should be the next president?" Polls say you're going to hear Hillary Clinton's name a lot. Heck, forget the polls. Most of you reading this live and/or work in cities and your experience tells you it's true. I was in Boston a few days ago, and the favored status of the Democratic nominee was palpable.

But as I was leaving, I drove past the point where the city gives way to countryside and there was a man on a walkway above the road. He had a huge smile, he was waving and he was pointing to a large sign above the traffic with a single word: Trump. Just like that, I was in the other America — where the Republican nominee is taken much, much more seriously.

And depending on where you stand, seeing from one America to the other can be difficult.

This is no surprise. For decades now the electorate has been growing ever more Balkanized; Democrats clustering mainly in the urban areas, Republicans overrunning many suburbs and beyond.

Some of this is because the parties have gerrymandered "safe" voting districts dominated by one political viewpoint. Some of it is because, like birds of a feather, humans flock together with those who share similar opinions. And some of it is because economic worries for cities and "everywhere else" are often quite different — meaning political solutions to those problems are different, too.

The result: In great swaths of the nation, people are so surrounded by like-minded individuals, they can't imagine the "other" candidate could really win, or that his/her supporters are truly good, thoughtful citizens.

But in a lifetime of travels I have found the "other" America is really a great deal like your own no matter where you stand — full of people who care deeply about their country, their fellow citizens, equality, opportunity, fairness and justice. And if we can keep reminding ourselves of that fact, perhaps we — the people — can yet emerge victorious, no matter who wins this dreadful race.

BRIEF

Supreme Court rejects bid to reinstate North Carolina voting limits

The Supreme Court on Wednesday rejected a bid by North Carolina to reinstate for November's elections several voting restrictions, including a requirement that people show identification at the polls.

The court, divided in part 4-4, rejected a request made by Republican Gov.Pat McCrory after an appeals court ruled last month that the 2013 law discriminates against minority voters. Five votes are needed for an emergency request to be granted.

The brief order noted that three of the court's conservatives, including Chief Justice John Roberts, would have allowed the voter identification provision and limits on early voting to be in effect for the election. Justice Clarence Thomas agreed on that point, but was the only justice to say he would have also allowed a requirement blocking pre-registration of 16-year-olds to stay in place.

McCrory's lawyers said the status quo should be maintained so close to the election, citing court precedent in their favor.

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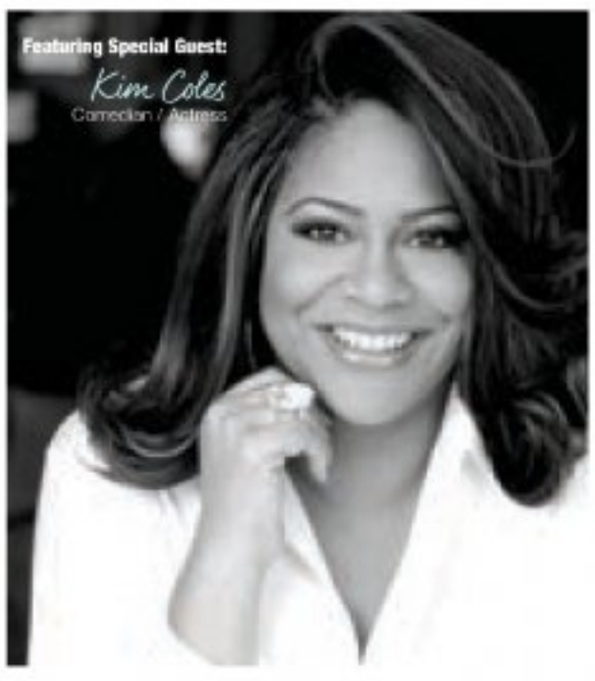

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Obama highlights climate progress at home before journey overseas

Obama is racing to cement his legacy on climate change before his presidency ends on Jan. 20.

President Barack Obama GETTY IMAGES

President Barack Obama said on Wednesday that preserving natural places would help the world adapt to warming temperatures as he began a 10-day trip to stress the urgency of curbing climate change and attend a G20 meeting in China.

"The challenges of conservation and combating climate change are connected, they're linked," Obama said during a stop in Lake Tahoe, the deep alpine lake in the Sierra Nevada mountains on the Nevada-California border.

He was interrupted by protesters yelling: "Keep it in the ground," a campaign to limit fossil fuel production.

The tour leads up to a meeting in China on Saturday with Chinese President Xi Jinping, who is hosting the G20 group of leading economies.

Obama and Xi worked together last year to secure a global deal in Paris to cut carbon emissions and are expected to take the next steps soon to help bring the agreement into force.

At a Nevada summit on the health of Lake Tahoe, whose average surface temperature reached an all-time recorded high last year, Obama said he was proud his administration had invested in solar and wind power.

"These investments have helped drive down the cost of clean power so it's finally cheaper than dirty power in a lot of places," Obama said.

"It's been the smart and right thing to do," he said.

Green groups have urged Obama not to rest on his laurels. The U.S. Supreme Court put his plan to slash carbon emissions from power plants on hold earlier this year.

"We're hoping that he will actually withdraw the Arctic from his five-year plan on offshore drilling, like he did with the Atlantic, because it's an even worse place to drill," said marine biologist Jackie Savitz of the Oceana conservation group. REUTERS

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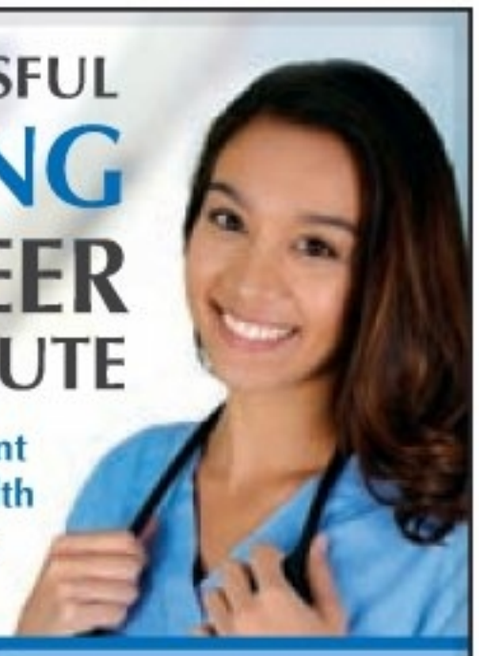

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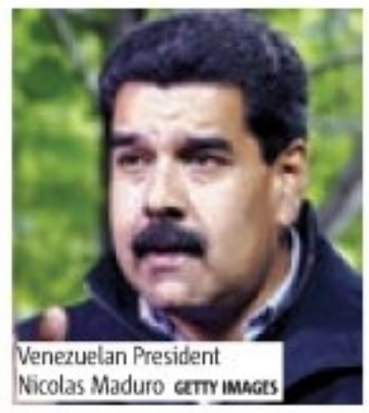
Violent gangs thrive in chaotic Venezuela despite crackdown



Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro GETTY IMAGES

The click-clack of guns being cocked echoes in the cement safe house where seven kidnappers keep watch over a western Caracas slum, their 33-year-old gang leader boasting of grenade attacks on police and growing wealth and power.

Venezuela's socialist economy is suffering triple-digit inflation, severe shortages and a third year of recession, but gangs like this have found strength and profit in the chaos.

They are teaming up with former rivals and buying heavier weapons to control ever-larger territory in the capital and beyond, the criminals, the government and criminologists say.

"The majority of the other slums are our friends. It's not only us anymore, now we do business with each other," said the leader, sat at a desk with his face hidden by a black ski mask. He would only give his name as Anderson.

He said rampant inflation is forcing the gang to be even more active as it seeks to cover sky-rocketing costs for weapons, drugs and even food.

"We used to do one job a month. Right now we are doing them every week," Anderson said, before a phone pinged with news of a drug delivery. Venezuela's economy suffered 181 percent inflation and shrank nearly 6 percent last year, and is expected to perform worse in 2016. Basic products are scarce and food riots regular.

Unlike a growing array of other armed groups in Venezuela — which include pro-government gangs and some small rural guerrilla and right-wing paramilitary forces — the street gangs are largely apolitical.

But as their reach grows, they are another destabilizing factor for President Nicolas Maduro, who is already struggling to govern a nation that is running short of food and medicines despite vast oil reserves and has one of the world's highest murder rates.

He has responded with aggressive raids by soldiers and police, a policy supported by many people sick of criminals but which rights groups say leads to executions and arbitrary arrests.

Some criminologists warn the raids encourage gangs to seek out ever heavier weaponry in defense.

While some gangs are teaming up, there are still turf battles and internal disputes, and Venezuela is seeing more of the spectacular violence associated with Mexico's more powerful drug cartels. Police showed Reuters images of bodies left mutilated, hanging from bridges, or beheaded.

As he spoke, Anderson's henchman prowled around him, waving sniper rifles and pistols, changing ammunition clips and peering through a narrow window onto the rooftops and steep alleyways below, as reggae music drifted up. REUTERS

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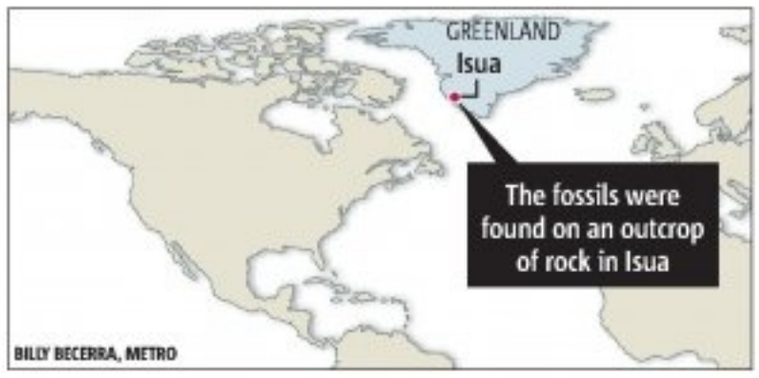
Oldest fossils found in Greenland, from time Earth was like Mars

The earliest fossil evidence of life on Earth has been found in rocks 3.7 billion years old in Greenland, raising chances of life on Mars aeons ago when both planets were similarly desolate, scientists said on Wednesday.

The experts found tiny humps, between 0.4 and 1.6 inches tall, in rocks at Isua in southwest Greenland that they said were fossilized groups of microbes similar to ones now found in seas from Bermuda to Australia.

If confirmed as fossilized communities of bacteria known as stromatolites — rather than a freak natural formation — the lumps would pre-date fossils found in Australia as the earliest evidence of life on Earth by 220 million years.

"This indicates the Earth was no longer some sort of hell 3.7 billion years ago," lead author Allen Nutman, of the University of Wollongong, told Reuters of the findings that were published in the journal Nature.



"It was a place where life could flourish."

Earth formed about 4.6 billion years ago and the relative sophistication of stromatolites indicated that life had evolved quickly after a bombardment by asteroids ended about 4 billion years ago.

"Stromatolites contain billions of bacteria … they're making the equivalent of apartment complexes," said Martin Van Kranendonk, a co-author at the University of New South Wales who identified the previously oldest fossils, dating from 3.48 billion years ago.

At the time stromatolites started growing in gooey masses on a forgotten seabed, the Earth was probably similar to Mars with liquid water at the surface, orbiting a sun that was 30 percent dimmer than today, the scientists said.

Those parallels could be a new spur to study whether Mars once had life, the authors said.

"Suddenly, Mars may look even more promising than before as a potential abode for past life," Abigail Allwood, of the California Institute of Technology, wrote in a commentary in Nature.

The Greenland find was made after a retreat of snow and ice exposed long-hidden rocks. Greenland's government hopes that a thaw linked to global warming will have positive spin-offs, such as exposing more minerals.

Nutman said the main controversy was likely to be that the fossils were in metamorphic rocks, reckoned to have formed under huge stress with temperatures up to 1,022 degrees Fahrenheit — usually too high to preserve any trace of life.

Still, Van Kranendonk told Reuters that dried-out biological material could sometimes survive such a baking, adding he was "absolutely convinced" by the Greenland fossils. REUTERS

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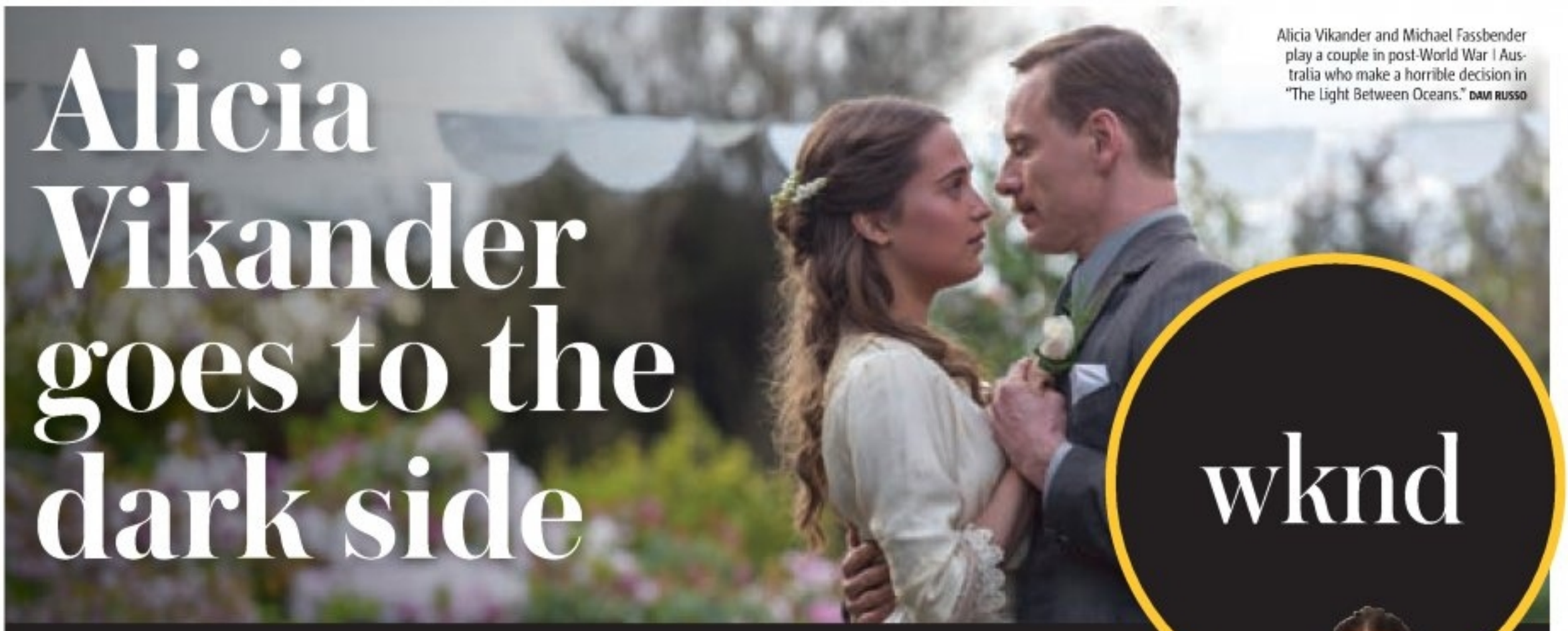

Alicia Vikander and Michael Fassbender play a couple in post-World War I Australia who make a horrible decision in "The Light Between Oceans." DAVI RUSSO

Alicia Vikander goes to the dark side

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THE FUN STARTS HERE

The Oscar-winner talks "The Light Between Oceans" and being bad at American football.

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After winning an Oscar, Alicia Vikander is taking it easy — sort of. Last year she had eight films. This year she "only" has two. They offer very different challenges, though. In "Jason Bourne" she stormed into her first action movie. In the new "The Light Between Oceans," the latest from Derek Cianfrance ("Blue Valentine"), she goes to truly dark places.

In "Oceans," Vikander plays Isabel, a young woman in post-World War I Australia who marries a shy lighthouse keeper (played by her real-life paramour, Michael Fassbender). When they're unable to conceive a child, they wind up keeping a baby girl they rescued from a boating accident — and, less nobly, not returning her when they later meet her biological mother (Rachel Weisz). The Oscar-winner, 27, talks to us about making a film in remote Australia and being good at at least one type of football.

Derek Cianfrance seems like one of those filmmakers actors die to work with.

I contacted him before I even knew "The Light Between Oceans" was going to be made. I wanted to know how he worked, because his films always feel so authentic and real. I always feel when I'm in my seat at the cinema that I shouldn't be in the same rooms as the characters. They feel very private.

He has a very unusual way of shooting, including starting scenes earlier than written. How did you adjust to it?

The first time I met [Derek], he said, "I expect my actors to fail and to surprise me. And in return I will give them experiences and memories." He kept his word. It's always tough to take that leap, to believe and not be afraid. And it's easy, in whatever you do, to repeat something that works. But by doing these things, you had someone who led you down a new path. Because everything just happened. They were different each time. There was a lot of nerve involved, but I think it really brings an edge and a reality to it.

Most of this film was shot on location on a remote Australian peninsula, with a small crew and a very small number of actors. Were you reluctant to have that level of intimacy and isolation?

Derek really didn't want us to get off [the peninsula]. He said, "I want the whole crew to stay out there Monday through Friday and live there while we're shooting." I remember thinking, "That's taking it a bit too far." [Laughs] I said to him, "I'm not Method. I will do a deep dive [into the work], but I kind of need to have a normal life, too." I think everyone felt the same way. We agreed to give him two days a week. We'd get up early in the morning and watch the sunrises. We cooked our food and had barbecues and played football. It was a drama camp kind of thing.

How's your football?

I'm very bad.

And is this American football or what Americans call soccer?

It was American, which I had never played before. I do play soccer, or what I consider to be football.

If we read the story of what happens to Tom and Isabel in a newspaper, we'd certainly think of them as monsters. But the movie allows us to see their life before they made the decision, therefore making us empathize with people we'd probably write off.

When we hear the dilemma they have, we know what's right and what's wrong. I actually wanted to play a villain, because I'm so used to not playing that. But I couldn't see her that way. That's what happens when you get the backstory — when you learn what led them down a certain path. It's a gray zone. That's a very good thing to bring into the world we're in at the moment.

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"Morgan"

Director: Luke Scott
Stars: Kate Mara, Anya Taylor-Joy
Rating: R

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Kate Mara, right, plays an assassin assigned to take out a human-hybrid (Anya Taylor-Joy) in "Morgan." AIDAN MONAGHAN

Pseudoscience thriller "Morgan" manages the impressive feat of being simultaneously moronic yet utterly indistinct. It's as if director Luke Scott, son of Ridley, saw "Ex-Machina" and thought, "Hmm, this movie's pretty good, but it could use fewer ideas and more people getting punched in the face." It belongs to that timeless genre of "smart scientists making fatally stupid mistakes." Scott appears to have inherited his father's affinity for stupid geniuses, which feature prominently in Ridley's "Prometheus" — a movie that at least compensates with prodigious spectacle.

"Morgan" concerns a group of scientists who decide to engender a self-aware human-hybrid (Anya Taylor-Joy), which is the kind of foolish endeavor only undertaken by scientists who are not long for this world. The reasons for creating this hybrid are never sufficiently addressed, since, unlike the titular prototype, this is not a movie that possesses the gift of self-awareness.

The scientists (Toby Jones, Rose Leslie, Michelle Yeoh — all wasted) spout pontifications as vacuous as empty wine glasses, while Kate Mara, playing an assassin who also handles risk management assessment, stares at them with hostility. She immediately realizes that Morgan, who stabs Jennifer Jason Leigh in the eye during the opening seconds (Leigh doesn't really mind), is unstable. Taylor-Joy, sublime in this year's "The Witch," is given nothing to do. She looks like she's struggling to find depth that just isn't there.

The most surprising thing about "Morgan," which is relentlessly predicable, is that it looks and sounds so bland. You'd think Ridley Scott, who co-produced the film, would imbue the movie with some sort of pizazz. Instead, it has a color scheme that resembles a dirty sidewalk and a score as interesting as a malfunctioning dial-up modem tone.

The only memorable scene involves Paul Giamatti, who shows up to do some acting. He plays a weirdly abrasive psychologist who yells at the unstable subject in order to provoke a plot point. He chews scenery; Morgan chews him.

MATT PRIGGE

"The Light Between Oceans"

Director: Derek Cianfrance
Stars: Michael Fassbender, Alicia Vikander
Rating: PG-13

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Alicia Vikander and Michael Fassbender play a couple in 1920s Australia who make a horrible decision in "The Light Between Oceans." DAVI RUSSO

It's best not to think of "The Light Between Oceans" as a gimmick. That gimmick would be this: Take a stuffy period piece and grime it up with true grit. Read that way, it's a disappointment. Taken as a movie that only slightly funks up the pageantry, however, and the latest from Derek Cianfrance — the anguished dramatist of "Blue Valentine" and "The Place Beyond the Pines" — is a solid and admirably muted melodrama.

Like "Pines," Cianfrance divides the film up into three very different sections. The first shows the courtship between Michael Fassbender's Tom, a shy World War I vet turned lonely lighthouse keeper, and Isabel (Alicia Vikander), a local beauty who's very much his opposite. They struggle to procreate, which proves so difficult that by the time a dinghy washes ashore with a baby, they agree to keep her and pass her off as their own — even after they later ID the real mother (Rachel Weisz).

As usual, Cianfrance encourages his actors to suffer mightily. What he doesn't do is have them go big. The filmmaker has called his third outing a "John Cassavetes movie in a David Lean landscape," but unlike Cassavetes' heroes, Fassbender and Vikander are rarely asked to speak, let alone shout. Emotions tend to be held inside. Only in the third section, when things get truly hairy, do you sense Cianfrance losing his sense of precision, and wasting what's likely a devastating Weisz turn. Still, it's a melodrama that doesn't need grime to make it interesting or wrenching. MP

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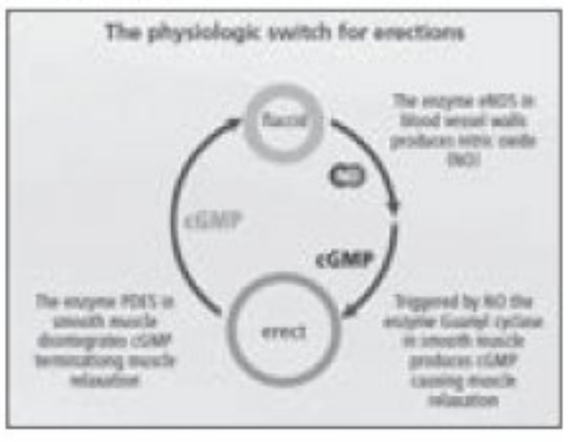

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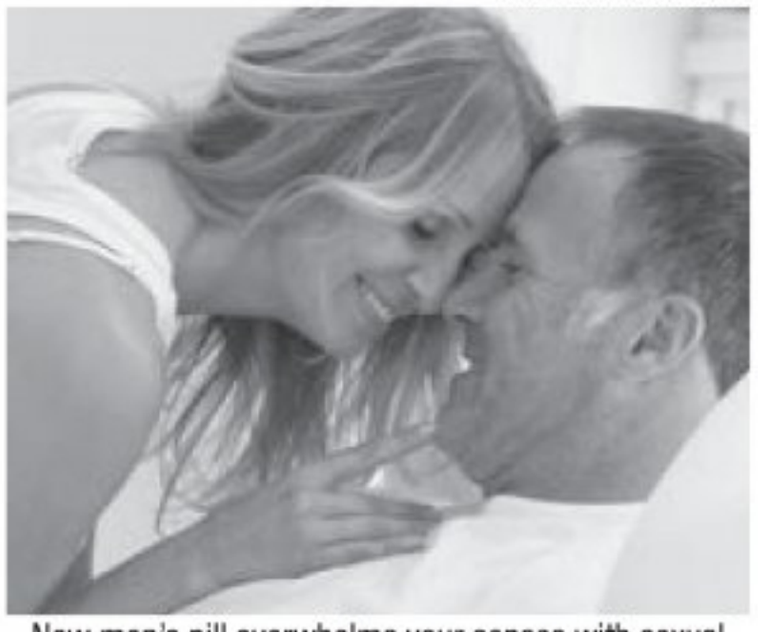

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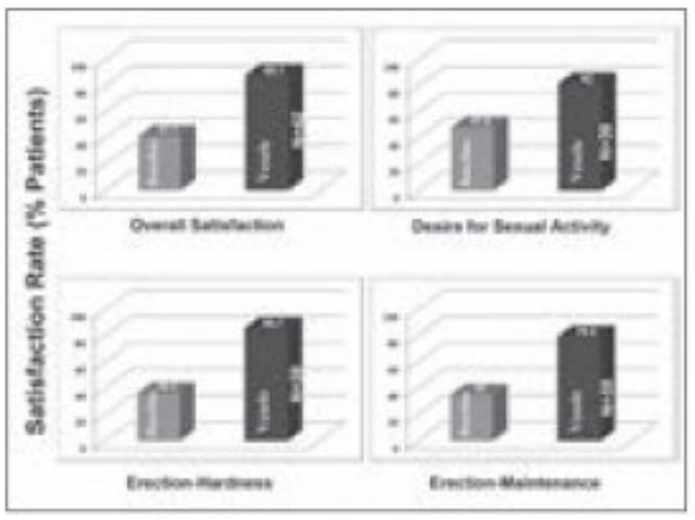

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'Narcos' star Boyd Holbrook is back to chasing Escobar

He's the voice behind the hit Netflix show and the face of the action.

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"Narcos," the sleeper Netflix hit series about the rise and fall of Colombian drug kingpin Pablo Escobar, finally returns on Friday for Season 2 — which is all about the drug kingpin's demise.

34-year-old actor Boyd Holbrook, previously known for "Milk" and "Gone Girl," not only stars in the show as DEA agent Steve Murphy — who along with his partner, agent Javier Pena (played by Pedro Pascal), led the manhunt for Escobar in the '80s and '90s — but also provides its narration, in a voice-over many have compared to Ray Liotta's in "Goodfellas."

"There's so much interaction on the show where you have to read, unless you're bilingual. And then there's the history, the action," explains Holbrook about his approach to narrating. "There's all these dynamics going on, so I wanted to enable people to get into a kind of trance with the show, and take them into the show that way."

Before the premiere, we spoke with the Kentucky native about what we can expect from the next 10 episodes, which are out on Netflix this Friday at midnight.

Boyd Holbrook plays a DEA agent on "Narcos," whose second season hits Netflix on Friday. JUAN PABLO GUTIERREZ/NETFLIX

Tell us about the preparation and training.
I didn't do any physical training, but we did get to go to Quantico for a week, Pedro and I. Javier and Steve got us in to train with the DEA. For me that was really eye-opening, you know, running into houses with rubber bullets and flying at each other. It was pretty intensive, you really get to see what it's like in their situation.

What are some of your favorite films/TV shows about "cops and robbers" — guys on both sides of the law?
I don't think there's a show that's ever been better than "Breaking Bad," in terms of that sort of genre.

Is your Spanish better than Murphy's?
The actual Murphy, no, but my Spanish is better than the Murphy I play on the show. Much better! Unfortunately, I didn't have a Colombian girlfriend to help me out with my Spanish, but I was down there [in Columbia] pretty much for 18 months, so you have to learn a little bit, even though we're working five days a week — I mean that's my focus — but it's natural to pick up some.

Your Instagram shows you posing in front of waterfalls, surfing, etc. What were some of your favorite places you visited while filming?
I tried to experience South America as much as possible. I was in Patagonia quite a bit, took a bunch of motorcycle trips, got my PADI license for scuba diving. I did all kinds of cool sh—.

Were you at all surprised at how popular the show has been? Have you seen Mindy Kaling's Instagrams of you guys in the jungle?
I don't know who Mindy Kaling is … I'll figure out who that is. Yeah, I really had no idea the show would do as well as it has. The first year was really hard on us, it was difficult, how extreme of a location we were working at. I would say we were pioneering the film industry down in Colombia.

What can viewers expect from Season 2, now that Escobar's demise is imminent?
I think it's fascinating, it's really interesting to already know the historical outcome of it all but to see how it actually happens — Pablo's rise to king status, and then how it unravels.

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St. Lucia's inside look

And you can catch them this weekend at Made in America.

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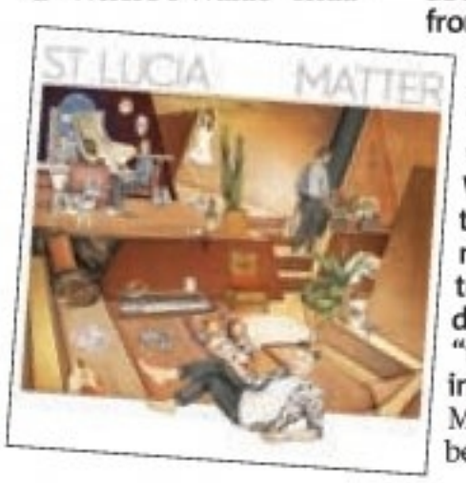
St. Lucia's 2013 album "When the Night" created a name for the Brooklyn-based band who spun airy, energetic riffs off '80s synthpop. With their sophomore album, "Matter" (released in January from Columbia Records), Johannesburg-born frontman Jean-Philip Grobler worked with producer Benjamin Gebert and Bleachers' Jack Antonoff, who co-wrote, "Help Me Run Away." The more intimate dive into Grobler's life features "Always," a tender ode to what could be lost in a breakup co-written with his wife and band mate, Patti Beranek, as well as a cautionary tale disguised as a party jam in "Dancing on Glass."

Grobler calls in from Brooklyn, the night after a backyard barbecue, to discuss the band's upcoming tour with Vampire Weekend bassist Chris Baio's indie project, Baio.



Can we please start off by discussing the album art for "Matter"? It's magical. How did the concept come together?

That's a can of worms you're opening there. I really wanted to make something special that I could tie into the merch and the stage design. We started the mockup artwork when we started recording the album. I wanted it to be a room with lots of things going on, almost like a "Where's Waldo" situation. We connected with Silas Adler, head of one of my favorite men's fashion lines, Soulland from Denmark — most of the shirts I wear onstage are done by them — and gave him images of different things in our apartment and lives to include. Each of the objects is meant to represent one of the themes on the album. Silas then made a photo collage of all the items, and we found Lauren Mortimer, an English illustrator, who actually made the artwork.

On the song "Help Me Run Away," you talk about being an outsider from the perspective of an immigrant in the United States. You say, "Now I'm a child, child without a mother/ Who was a stranger to the American way/But now I'm fully ingrained to toe." At what point did you see yourself "ingrained" after moving here?

Myself and Patti have been here for about 10 years now, and it's been an adjustment. We moved from England, and America had this bad rep [at the time] because of George W. Bush and everyone internationally bought into this idea of American hatred. I was resistant when we first moved here. I only stayed in New York. But once we started touring I started to realize what an amazing country it is with so many extremes.

St. Lucia hits the last leg of the festival circuit before heading on tour with Vampire Weekend's Baio. PROVIDED

And "Always" is a song you wrote with your wife, Patti, and it definitely sounds like a song about the end of a relationship. How were you able to be so honest and vulnerable when writing that together?

First, it's not a breakup song — well, it could be, but we definitely aren't. I've been with Patti for 14 years, and we have a really strong, good relationship. But this is about those moments in a relationship where you've been together for so long, and you have a lot to lose, but the thought [of breaking up] just crosses your mind. "Always" is like, if we broke up, we'd still have love for each other, even though we're standing in flames.

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One of the highlights of this year's Fringe Festival, Jace Clayton's "Room 21," was inspired by the Barnes Foundation's eccentric arrangements of artwork. Even outside of the Barnes, however, surprising juxtapositions seem to be key to the curated performances. Past and present, virtual and physical, masculine and feminine — many of this year's shows play with those dichotomies in intriguing and fascinating ways. Here are a few of the shows to catch at the 2016 Fringe Festival:

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"The Sincerity Project"

Team Sunshine Performance Corp. returns for the second installment of its confessional project, planned to unfold at two-year intervals over the course of 24 years. The inaugural show found the cast revealing plenty about their hopes and fears for the future (along with their bodies, culminating with a naked dance-off through the FringeArt stands), so this will allow audiences their first check-in on those life goals. (Sept. 8-18, various times, $29, Plays & Players Theater, 1714 Delancey Plaza)

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"Portrait of Myself as My Father"

"Portrait" was conceived by Zimbabwe native Nora Chipaumire as an invented biography of the father she never knew. Set inside a boxing ring, the piece allows the dancer-choreographer to conjure her own image of masculinity. (Sept. 23-24, 7 p.m., $29, Perelman Building, Philadelphia Museum of Art, 2525 Pennsylvania Ave.)

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"Pandaemonium"

Two longtime Fringe favorites come together — sort of — in this multidisciplinary piece. Pig Iron company member Geoff Sobelle joins the Nichole Canuso Dance Company in a show that's part dance performance, part rock concert, part experimental film, as two isolated people (Sobelle and Canuso) converge only on the screen of an abandoned drive-in movie screen somewhere in the Mojave Desert. (Sept. 14-17, 8 p.m. and Sept. 18, 3 p.m., $29, FringeArts, 140 N. Columbus Blvd.)

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"Room 21"

Jace Clayton, aka DJ /rupture, chose a single room at the Barnes, along with items from Albert Barnes' eclectic record collection, to create this show. "Room 21" contains an eclectic mix of Amish craftwork, a Modigliani painting, African masks, religious works and paintings by Barnes students. (Sept. 9, 8 p.m., $20, Barnes Foundation, 2025 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy.)

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Romeo Castellucci has been a festival regular since 2013, when his study of end-of-life issues "On the Concept of the Face, Regarding the Son of God" polarized audiences. Castellucci is smashing his own 1997 production of "Julius Caesar" into fragments, featuring a lead character who's lost the use of his vocal chords and a monologue in which the actor has an endoscope inserted into his nostrils, allowing the audience to view the vibrations of his vocal chords in real time. (Sept. 22-24, 7 p.m, $38, The Navy Yard Building 694, 1701 Langley Ave.)

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EAT LIKE AN INSIDER

Jezabel Careaga

Jezabel Careaga's restaurant in Fitler Square serves up food with an Argentinean flair. PROVIDED

Chef and restaurant owner Jezabel Careaga has been in love with cooking since she was a child — inspired by her grandmother, mother and aunt in Argentina. At the age of 5, she began baking *alfajores* (a delicious Argentine cookie with a dulce de leche center) and hasn't stopped. In 2010, she opened Jezabel's in Philly's Fitler Square neighborhood, where she infuses her Argentinean culinary foundation with European elements. On Sept. 29, she will be participating in Feastival 2016, showcasing her much-raved-about empanadas.

Before the big day, however, she gave us the lowdown on where to find the best falafel — and the one dish that makes her mouth water.

Best late-night meal?

Sorry, I don't do late-night meals. Got to get up early for my workout!

Best meal under $10?

Mama's Vegetarian (18 S. 20th St). I love falafel and these ones are among the best I've had. Lunch always calls for a falafel sandwich. $7? What a deal!

Best hidden foodie gem?

Local 44 (4333 Spruce St.) is bar food as good as it gets with a great beer selection. My fave dish is the lamb burger — medium-rare for me. It's tasty and succulent — such a treat.

Best place to dine alone?

Dmitri's in Queen Village (795 S. 3rd St). Sitting at the bar and seeing the magic happen in such a small space is inspiring. Nothing beats my love for their grilled octopus. Just thinking of it makes my mouth water.

Place you always take or recommend for out-of-towners?

Zahav! Zahav (237 St. James Pl.) brings something different to Philadelphia with their tapas style.Theservice is impeccable and the food surprises me every single time I dine here — and I'm here every other week. I love the haloumi, and the Persian rice is to die for — simple yet full of flavor. It's also special to me because it reminds me of the rice my Grandma Julia used to make.

Go-to date spot?

Wm. Mulherin's Sons (1355 N. Front St.) is the best date place by far. The building is beautiful, the architecture and design of the space is romantic with the blend of materials old and new — it all just works together. The drinks and wine selection are strong and their food is delicious, hearty and fresh.

Best place to catch up with friends?

Audrey Claire (276 S. 20th St.) is such a classic when living in the city. I love the variety of fresh dishes, and outdoor seating on such a lively corner in Rittenhouse. My favorite dish is antipasto for two; it has a little bit of everything — asparagus, heirloom tomatoes, grilled mushrooms and olives.

Most Instagrammable restaurant?

Bing Bing Dim Sum (1648 E. Passyunk Ave.) The food is tasty, the atmosphere is fun and the service is on point. I love the lamb roll with mint chimichurri.

JENNIFER LOGUE

HOT PLATE

Baked Caramel Flan

Rest assured — this is no ordinary flan. JENNIFER LOGUE

Jennifer Logue eats her way through Philly
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"You can have my flan," I would say, pushing my plate of vanilla custard over to my dining companion. Back in my early 20s living in Spain, I was a big fan of *menu del dia* (a three-course lunch option offered at most Spanish restaurants) but the usual postre or dessert offered at the end just didn't do it for me.

Even the word itself, "flan," made my nose crinkle in disgust. "It sounds a lot like 'blah'," I'd joke to my friends. If my sweet tooth ever came calling, it was for the darkest of chocolates or bust. Flan? Please. Let me save my calories for another sangria.

Times have changed, however, and over the years, I've grown to love lighter desserts, including flan.

Over the weekend, my mom and I had lunch together at Keating's Rope & Anchor, a nautically-themed restaurant with a gorgeous view of Penn's Landing. It recently went through a redesign, and the new space is a breath of fresh air — open, summery and bright.

Dining outside on the patio that day, the weather was stunningly beautiful but also very hot. We kept our meal light and weren't planning on getting dessert until I saw the baked caramel flan on the menu.

When the dish arrived, it was clear that this was not your typical flan experience — the addition of blueberries and strawberries really enhanced the its visual appeal.

The custard itself was sweeter than regular flan — probably due to the delicious drizzle of caramel on top — but the berries helped balance out the dish's candied quality.

If you'd like to give it a try for yourself, Keating's Rope and Anchor is located at 201 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd. Oh, and don't forget to order yourself a pitcher of sangria — just make sure you don't need to be fully operational for the rest of the day.

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Hennypalooza

What began as a house party centered around Hennessy has become an international affair with food, live music and, yes, the cognac drink that kicked this whole thing off three years ago. The bash makes its way to Philly just in time for Labor Day weekend. Besides the eating and drinking, music will be pumping all day courtesy of DJs like Austin Millz, MekDot and Swizzymack.

Sept. 2, 5 p.m.
Trocadero Theatre
1003 Arch St.
$50
hennypalooza.com

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PARTIES

Summer Beer Garden

The Mutter Museum is staying open a little later Thursday evening for a late-night romp through its creepy galleries and a beer-garden fete in the Benjamin Rush Medicinal Garden. Light snacks will be provided, but bring cash for the bar, stocked with specialty beers and sangria.

Sept. 1, 6-10 p.m.
Mutter Museum
19 S. 22nd St.
$10
eventbrite.com

No Parking on the Dance Floor

Community group 5th Square hosts a bash at Dolphin Tavern to raise funds for its project to enforce no-parking bans on the South Broad Street median — a hotly debated issue since cars were restricted from parking there during the DNC. Show up to dance to the sounds of DJ Tiki Disco and drink the night away. All bar proceeds from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. will be donated to the cause.

Sept. 1, 6 p.m.
Dolphin Tavern
1539 S. Broad St.
$5-$25
5thsq.org

OurNightOut

To kick off the last official weekend of summer, Delaware Valley Legacy Fund hosts its popular monthly LGBTQ networking soiree at Monarch Philly. Attendees will have exclusive access to the Northern Liberties swim club and drink specials like $3 Bud Light and $7 cocktails. DJs provide the tunes as you take advantage of one of the last few chances to take a dip this year.

Sept. 1, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
Monarch Philly
1031 Germantown Ave.
$10
dvlf.org

Night of 1,000 Kates

English rocker Kate Bush has such a devoted fan base in Philadelphia that there's a whole evening dedicated to, well, basically worshipping her. Now in its third year, Night of 1,000 Kates hits Johnny Brenda's with a parade of 15 Kate Bush-inspired performances — from song to dance to costuming. Of course the whole thing turns into one big Kate Bush dance party at the end of the night.

Sept. 3, 8 p.m.
Johnny Brenda's
1201 Frankford Ave.
$10
facebook.com/1000kates

Night of 1,000 Kates KAREN KIRCHOFF

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Mac Sabbath

Coulrophobics, your worst nightmare is coming to Underground Arts. On Friday night Mac Sabbath — fronted by a maniacal Ronald McDonald lookalike — take the stage as part of their 2016 Clown Power Tour. The "drive-thru metal group" parodies Black Sabbath with loud tunes inspired by America's fast-food culture. The opening act is Clownvis Presley, who, while having the pelvis of The King, has a face like something out of "It."

Sept. 2, 9 p.m.
Underground Arts
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undergroundarts.org

King Britt presents Sylk130

In the late-'90s and early-aughts, Philly DJ King Britt released a couple neosoul

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records under the pseudonym Sylk130. This Sunday night, he hits the stage at TLA to perform the first of those, "When the Funk Hits the Fan," in full to celebrate the work's 20-year anniversary. He'll be joined by an array of guest stars, like Ursula Rucker, Lady Alma, Tanja Dixon and Vicki Miles.
Sept. 4, 8:30 p.m.
TLA
334 South St.
$20
concerts.livenation.com

Amateur Drag Night VANESSA STERLING

SHENANIGANS

Amateur Drag Night

This new monthly — and free! — drag show at L'Etage is quite the hoot. Hosted by Vanessa Sterling, the show brings 10 amateur drag queens to the stage to compete for a $100 cash prize. This time around, contestants include hilariously named personalities like Mary Meatball, Tilly Screams and Anja Dixon. **Sept. 4, 8 p.m., L'Etage, 624 S. 6th St., Free, creperie-beaumonde.com**

EXHIBITIONS

"Classical Splendor: Painted Furniture for a Grand Philadelphia House"

Antique lovers will have a ball ogling this new exhibit of furniture crafted in 1808 by Benjamin Henry Latrobe. The artist was commissioned to do the pieces for a drawing room in the home of wealthy Philadelphia merchant William Waln and his wife, Mary. The 10 pieces on display here reflect the opulence enjoyed by wealthy families during this period in the nation's history, painted and gilded in a style inspired by the art of ancient Greece and Rome.
Sept. 3-Jan. 1, 2017
Philadelphia Museum of Art
2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway
Free with $20 museum admission
philamuseum.org
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"The Alligator People" PROVIDED

OUTDOOR MOVIES

"The Alligator People"

The Betsy Ross House continues its quirky outdoor movie series with a screening of 1959 sci-fi horror flick "The Alligator People." Your $5 tickets grant you a tour through Mrs. Ross' house before the film. Bring a picnic and bottle of wine for the screening of the film, which in its day promised "nerve-shattering terror!"
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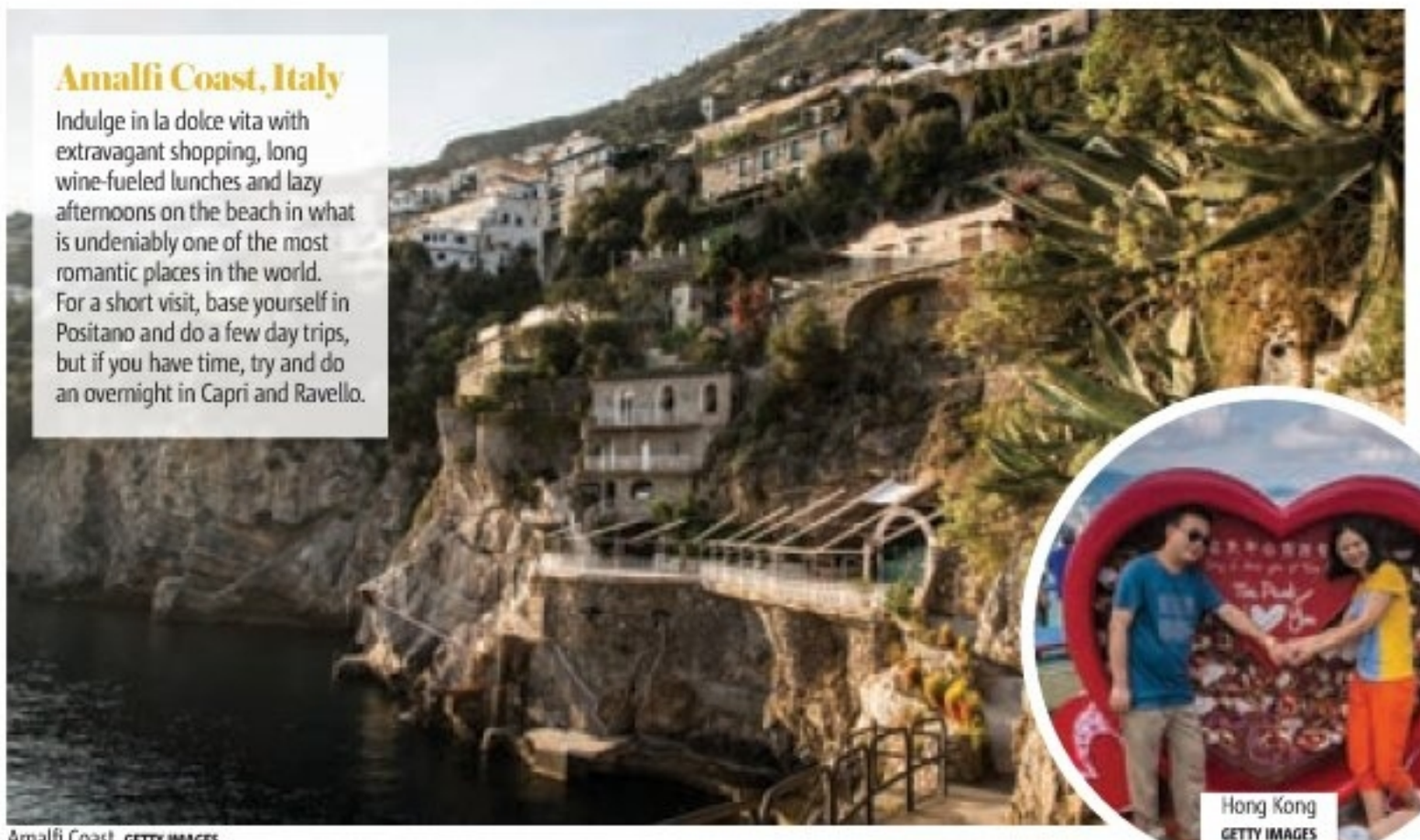

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Amalfi Coast, Italy

Indulge in la dolce vita with extravagant shopping, long wine-fueled lunches and lazy afternoons on the beach in what is undeniably one of the most romantic places in the world. For a short visit, base yourself in Positano and do a few day trips, but if you have time, try and do an overnight in Capri and Ravello.

The Maldives

Find complete seclusion in a tropical setting. You'll spend your days lounging in the sun, feasting on fresh fish and luxuriating in the plunge pool of your overwater bungalow. There are 200 different islands to choose from and each one is a little slice of paradise.

Hong Kong

A honeymoon in Hong Kong is a great choice for active travelers who want to experience a new place together on their honeymoon. Hong Kong is one of the food capitals of the world, so it's a good idea to spend your days restaurant-hopping and trying everything that the city has to offer — from traditional Cantonese to trendy modern Italian. If you get tired of city life, hike the Dragon's Back for a bird's-eye view of Victoria Harbour or head to nearby Repulse Bay to have a little time at the beach.

Hong Kong GETTY IMAGES

The Loire Valley, France

Spend your days drinking Champagne, touring wineries and chateaux, and spending the night at posh bed-and-breakfasts in the Loire Valley. Don't miss famous Chenonceau and Chambord, and make sure to visit one of the nearby wineries. If you want a taste of city life, head to Tours for a few days to people watch in the main square and go cafe-hopping.

Marrakech, Morocco

This bustling city is a romantic setting for honeymooners. Spend your days shopping in the souks, getting spa treatments at a traditional hammam, and finding hidden gem restaurants at night. If you have the time, head into the Atlas Mountains for a glamping experience.

Utah

With five national parks (and countless state parks and national monuments), Utah should be on every traveler's list. The southern part of the state is full of natural wonders like the spires of Bryce Canyon, Arizona's iconic wave and the red walls of Glen Canyon. Bring your hiking gear to experience the best of Utah's wilderness, off the beaten path.

Iceland

A short direct flight from the U.S. makes this a hassle-free destination that combines a thriving music, arts and nightlife scene with a sublime natural backdrop. Explore the waterfalls, glaciers and volcanoes around the island before relaxing at the Blue Lagoon on your way home.

Whitsunday Islands, Australia

You can't find more picture-perfect beaches than the secluded white strands of the Whitsunday Islands. A national park situated right on the Great Barrier Reef, the Whitsundays are perfect for couples that want to scuba dive and snorkel. Rent a sailboat to explore the islands or just relax on one of the perfect beaches.
Tip: The Qualia resort is a honeymooner's dream, complete with secluded bungalows and plunge pools.

Muscat, Oman

Experience the coastal desert in Muscat, where you'll find arabesque architecture, opulent hotels and perfect blue water. Spend a few nights by the coast before heading into the mountains for a taste of nomadic life.

Big Sur, California

You don't have to go far to experience isolated luxury in a beautiful setting. The coastal community of Big Sur, California, combines a laid-back attitude with a gorgeous cliff-side location. Sip local wines, go for a hike or have a picnic on the beach.

Bhutan

This small nation on the eastern edge of the Himalayas is a stress-free off-the-beaten-path excursion. Go trekking, visit tea houses and the famed Tiger's Nest Monastery, and discover the sights of the only country in the world that measures the GDP in happiness.

Lulea, Sweden

For the adventurous couple, there's no better place to spend your first days of marital bliss than in the middle of nowhere in Sweden. Spend a few days in Stockholm indulging in city life before heading up the coast to Lulea and Harads, where nature's beauty is the main draw. The famous TreeHotel is a must visit. Though modern, the oddball accommodations are perfectly placed within the landscape, creating a full forest immersion.

Bali, Indonesia

Known for its beautiful beaches, blissed-out surf culture and ancient temples, Bali is perfect for a honeymoon that combines a lazy vacation with a bit of culture. Although Bali is far from undiscovered, the thriving tourist economy means you won't have to worry about finding good food and a nice hotel. If you want to head a little farther off the beaten path, the Gili Islands are even more laid back.

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3 Things to watch when Eagles face off vs. Jets

Yeah, it's the fourth preseason game, but it's still – technically – NFL football.

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When the Eagles face the Jets on Thursday night, several of the compelling storylines of this off-season will be either completed, or sitting on the bench. Sam Bradford, Carson Wentz, and a host of starters will not feature in the game. That doesn't mean the game isn't worth paying attention to, as everyone is hungrily eyeing the Sept. 11th season opener. Here are a couple storylines vital to the Eagles, and one competition to keep an eye on in their opponent's camp:

1 Who stays, who goes

The latest round of roster cuts included a rather shocking sampling of veterans on the Eagles' roster, although after two off-seasons of Chip Kelly, no one could be blamed for reading the list without batting an eye.

Rueben Randle and Chris Givens, the two biggest free agent signings at receiver are gone. More importantly, they're gone while several undrafted free agents remain. That speaks volumes. Randle had at least 600 receiving yards the last three seasons in New York, and 20 touchdowns in four seasons in the league. Givens had 353 yards last season, more than any Eagles receiver not named Jordan Matthews. He was supposed to be the deep threat Bradford could ignore every game.

Their release, along with that of defensive lineman Mike Martin, is also a shocking dismissal of many of the depth free agent signings made this summer. At defensive tackle as well, their are several undrafted free agents now vying for Martin's spot along with Beau Allen and Taylor Hart. A young team just got younger. Givens was already the oldest wide receiver on the team at 26.

2 It's all about that Chase

With Bradford resting and Wentz still injured, this will be our most extensive glimpse at Chase Daniel. Daniel's main selling point thus far has been as a mentor to both Bradford and Wentz as the team installs Pederson's offense. But if he has to earn some of his considerable salary on the field, it is less clear what he has to offer.

Another performance like the one he turned in against the Colts (9-for-12, 104 yards, TD) would go a long way toward instilling confidence in Eagles fans that Daniel can deliver if he has to step in this season.

3 Meet the Jets

Tom Brady's four-game suspension opens the door for a serious challenge to be mounted in the AFC East, where the Patriots have won 12 of the last 13 division titles. While the Jets are a team built to win right now, most of the veterans contributing to that will, like the veteran Birds, be on the sideline Thursday. The battle taking place on the field will be between young quarterbacks Bryce Petty and Christian Hackenberg.

Since drafting Hackenberg in the second round and resigning Fitzpatrick, the Jets have four quarterbacks on their roster. And it isn't easy to figure out whether they'll keep all four or, if one is cut, which one it will be. It's hard to imagine cutting a quarterback you just spent a second-round pick on as well, barring a Johnny Manziel-esque scenario. That leaves Petty, entering his second year in the league after being drafted in the fourth round out of Baylor, and Geno Smith, entering his fourth season and the final year of his rookie contract.

Get ready for a lot of Chase Daniel onThursday night. GETTY IMAGES

METRO GOLF

Upper Dublin Golf Club combines links and old style features

If you're a golfer from Philly tired of city courses that play the same tune, Upper Dublin Golf Club is a nice change of pace.

It's best conditions are in the spring and fall, when water is plentiful but the layout is challenging and forces golfers to make a variety of different shots year round.

It also has history.

According to Hugh Reilly Sr., father of the course's head professional Hugh Jr., the course was founded and built by a man from Scotland in 1931.

"He build nine holes and opened it up," Reilly Sr. said.

The course is kind of a links-style, old-style hybrid, and has a good combination of short, attackable holes with vast fairway undulation changes, making the course play long.

"There are trees here and there are holes that are tree-lined," Reilley said, "but one of the traits that a links golf course has is there's nothing in front of the greens except for a lake occasionally. You can roll the ball up."

When playing the course, clubbing down is often a good idea. The ball really, really runs in the fairway.

"You can try your skill with bump and run shots," Reilly said. "One of the difficulties players have playing here is it requires a lot of discipline to hold back. Don't try to hit the driver, and on the par 3s, don't try and hit the green."

EVAN MACY

Upper Dublin has wide open spaces for errant tee shots. STEVE DAG

Local knowledge tip: "Any shots that are hero shots are too penal, and will put you in position to make doubles and triples – the greens are small."

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Owls football looking to build off last year

The season kicks off Friday night when Temple hosts Army at Lincoln Financial Field.

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The score. The opponent. The site. The field conditions. The fans in the stands.

None of that matters to Temple head coach Matt Rhule.

Just focus on the moment at hand, do your job and everything else should take care of itself.

That mentality worked for a school record-tying 10 wins last season, earning them a spot in the American Athletic Conference championship game and a trip to the Boca Raton Bowl. But now that's in the past as the new season beckons, beginning Friday night at the Linc when the Owls take on Army — the same team they beat in 2013 for Rhule's first win.

There have been plenty to follow since.

Rhule's club was hit hard by graduation, particularly on the defensive end, losing All-American Tyler Matakevich, Matt Ioannidis and Nate D. Smith.

Army is a team coming off a 2-10 season — with five of those losses being five points or less. In that way, Rhule says, the Black Knights remind him of his first Temple team, which coincidentally also went 2-10. That's when things began to change.

"I think after that 2-10 season, we realized we don't want to feel that way anymore," recalled star senior running back Jahad Thomas, who rushed for 1,262 yards and 17 touchdowns last season. "We knew we had guys who were capable of so many things. We just needed to put it all together. But our approach is different every year. It's hard to forget about what we did last year, because there's a lot of expectations. But we as a team are not looking at the past. The past was last year. We can't control it. We're just trying to correct our mistakes."

Phillip (PJ) Walker will be back under center for the Owls for his senior season. GETTY IMAGES

There will be mistakes, as these Owls try to figure out what kind of team they'll be. While many are expecting them to again contend for the AAC title, they're not worrying about that. In fact, their more concerned about snapping a two-game losing streak at the hands of Houston and Toledo at the end of last season.

"We don't want to feel the same way we did at the end of last year," Thomas said. "We had a pretty good season, but right now we're on a two-game losing streak. For the seniors this might be our last chance to play football. We want to cherish every moment and go out as winners; as guys who came in and successfully changed the program and did a lot of good things."

It starts Friday facing an Army team that runs the triple option, not the easiest way to start your season.

"They like to run the ball," said linebacker Stephaun Marshall, "but we just have to play our brand. Just one snap at a time. One practice at a time. Our mindset has completely changed since I got here. We've matured as a team and I'm proud of it."

The results will be on display Friday night. Regardless of what happens, though, the Owls know this. Come next week versus Stony Brook, it starts all over again.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that Storage King USA will sell the contents of the storage units listed below at a public auction to satisfy a lien placed on the contents pursuant to 73 PS. The sales will take place on 9/13/2016. The sale will be conducted on StorageStuff.Bid, and/or the guidance of Christopher Ross (AU005957) on behalf of the facilities' approval. Units will be available for viewing prior to the sale on StorageStuff.Bid. Contents will be sold for cash only to the highest bidder. A 10% buyer's premium will be charged and $100 (units larger than 150 sq ft will be more) cleaning deposit per unit. All sales are final. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale or to refuse any bids. The property to be sold is described as "general household stuff" unless otherwise noted. Storage King USA of 335 E Price St., Philadelphia PA 19144 will list storage units on the website StorageStuff.Bid at 11:00 a.m. on 9/13/16 or up to 7 days prior to this date.

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#2291 – Sonjan Frederick – household • #2235 – Alif Howell – household
#2176 – Priscilla Elles – household • #2133 – Allen Lotter – household
#2001 – Jermaine Brinkley – household • #1187 – Shirley Faulk – household
#1266A – Mahson Boone – household • #1158 – Jermaine Saunders – household
#2038 – Jack Cothren – household • #2011 – Denise Igoes – household
#2180 – C. John Chiriscale II – household • #2298 – Robin Renee Tillary – Reid – household.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will sell, to satisfy lien of the owner, by public auction on **September 13, 2016 at 10:00 am** via The Compass Self Storage located at: **12 E. Oregon Ave Philadelphia, PA 19148**

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The personal goods stored therein by the following may include, but are not limited to general household, furniture, boxes, clothes, and appliances. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the time of sale. All goods are sold as is and must be removed at the time of purchase. Compass Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any bid. Sale is subject to adjournment.

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4309 Demaris Bryant • 4721 Wilson, Michael D • 4727 Olympia Hoffman

09/13/2016 at approx. 11:30 AM at www.storagetreasures.com

1405 Yolanda Correa • 1419 EFRAN E VELEZ • 2107 Katrina Golden
2119 Mitchell, Lenise M • 3706 Quiana Bard • 4616 isaiah thomas
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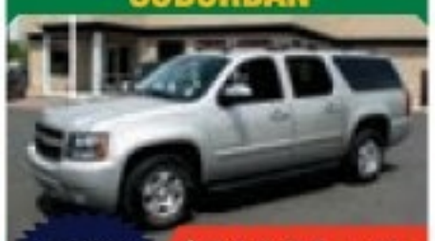
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2012 DODGE CHALLENGER RT

Leather! — $275/Month

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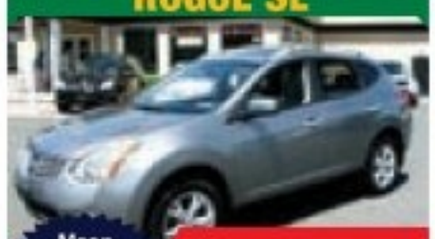
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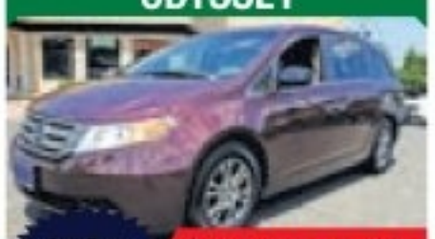
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Flyers have 8 players appearing in World Cup

Several key Flyers will start their preseason a bit early this summer.

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The Flyers don't report to training camp for another couple of weeks.

However, there are eight players who are planning to report to training camp this weekend — albeit not in Voorhees, New Jersey, Philadelphia or, for most of them, even the United States.

They will be scattered all over the globe to practice and train with their own countrymen in preparation for the World Cup of Hockey, which gets underway on Sept. 17 and runs through Oct. 1.

Here is who is headed to the tournament, which will take place at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto.

Czech Republic

Jakub Voracek — The right wing, who had his struggles last season, hopes to get off to a hot start this year. It won't hurt that he could line up on the Czech's top line with center David Krejci and Ondrej Palat.

Radko Gudas — Fresh off signing a contract extension this summer, the oft-undisciplined but bruising defenseman should play plenty of minutes. The Czechs would love if he plays the way he did over the final two months of the regular season and in the first round of the playoffs.

Michal Neuvirth — He will be used to his role: a backup who can jump in and provide quality minutes. Petr Mrazek (Red Wings) has the starter's job all but locked up, but as Neuvirth showed last season with the Flyers, he's just as capable to carry the load, if needed.

Claude Giroux and Team Canada will be at it again. GETTY IMAGES

Europe

Mark Streit — Even at age 38, the swift puck-carrying defenseman is a valuable commodity, especially on the power play. On a team that is made up of skaters form Germany, France, Slovakia, Denmark, Norway, Latvia and Austria, expect the Swiss native to handle third-pairing minutes as he likely plays in his last international competition.

Pierre-Edouard Bellemare — The center formed one-third of the one of the best fourth lines in the NHL last season. The Frenchman, who was a surprise selection, will have the same responsibility — playing solid defense and killing penalties — for Europe as he does with the Flyers.

North America

Sean Courturier and Shayne Gostisbehere — The two Flyers made a team comprised of players 23 and under that will probably be the most entertaining squad of the tournament. With teammates such as budding superstars Auston Matthews (last June's top pick), Connor McDavid, Jack Eichel, Johnny Gaudreau and Aaron Ekblad, the young guns will try and show the vets or thing or two.

Canada

Claude Giroux — No snub this time. After getting left off the Olympic roster in 2014, Giroux will be right in the middle of it for Canada. Regardless of which line he is on or who is on his line, it will be fun to watch the Flyers captain play alongside some of the best players in the world on the likely favorite to win the Cup.

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The **Committee on Public Health and Human Services** of the Council of the City of Philadelphia will hold a Public Hearing on **Friday, September 9, 2016,** at **10:00 AM**, in **Room 400, City Hall**, to hear testimony on the following item:

160424 Resolution authorizing the Committee on Public Health and Human Services to hold hearings to regarding the Medical Marijuana Act of Pennsylvania.

Immediately following the public hearing, a meeting of the Committee on Public Health and Human Services, open to the public, will be held to consider the action to be taken on the above listed item.

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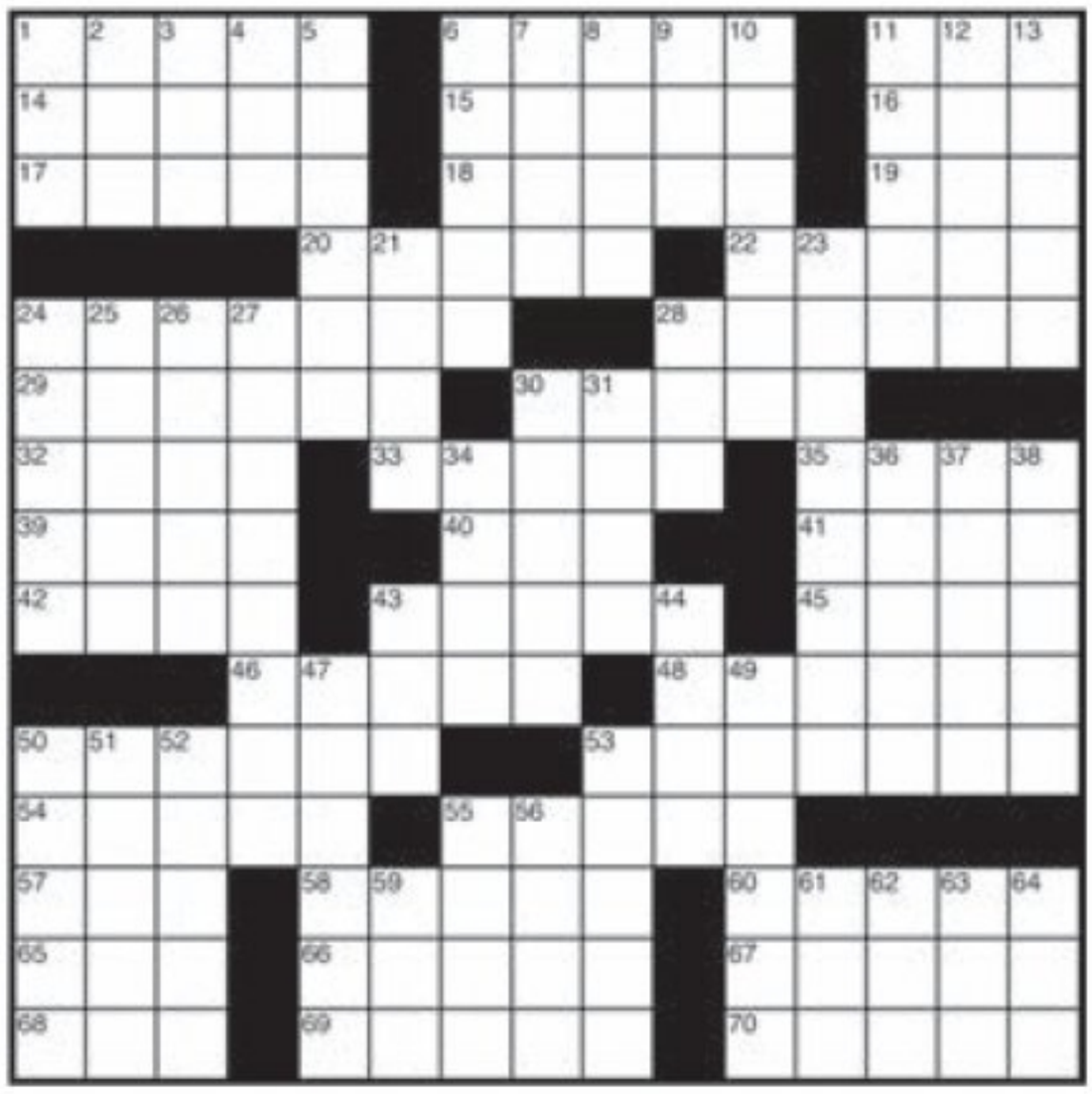

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Aries Look at change as an opportunity. Adjusting to what's happening around you will allow you to see the positive aspects of the situation and take advantage of the benefits.

Taurus Socializing with peers will be informative. You'll pick up interesting ideas that will play a role in some of your own plans. Collaborate and see where it takes you.

Gemini Emotional mishaps can be expected if you aren't precise. False information and empty promises are apparent, and must be dealt with tactfully. Focus on self-improvement.

Cancer Concentrate on learning, staying informed and making plans. A day trip will lead to an unusual encounter with someone offering a deal that's too good to refuse.

Leo An important relationship will help you achieve your goals. The support you receive and the ideas that spring from discussions you have will set you on a fruitful course.

Virgo Opportunity is within your reach. Don't risk missing out because someone is being needy or trying to make you feel guilty. Call the shots and take responsibility.

Libra Try to understand what the people close to you are experiencing. Tolerance and understanding will be necessary if you want to avoid drama. Focus on self-improvement.

Scorpio Put your heart and soul into whatever project you take on. A creative approach will show any competition that you are not one to mess with. Do your own thing.

Sagittarius Deception and disillusionment will set in if you are gullible and you believe everything you hear. Don't worry about what others do or say. Take pride in yourself.

Capricorn Keep your emotions out of any financial, legal or medical decision that you have to make. Look beyond what's being offered and try to introduce something you discover.

Aquarius Find a way to cut corners and free up some cash. Use your keen awareness to seek out alternative ways to make your money grow. Romance is on the rise.

Pisces It won't be good enough to express your ideas; you must be prepared to take action as well. Criticism will result if you show hesitation or lack consistency. **EUGENIA LAST**

Yesterday's answers

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